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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

As a supporter of Microsoft, I write you with concern over the recent developments in the Microsoft settlement. I was happy to learn that the settlement had finally been reached, but was a bit upset when I learned that it is being further delayed. After three years of negotiations it seems ridiculous to further dissect this well thought out agreement. The terms that have been reached are fair and reasonable and should be allowed stand.

Microsoft has agreed to make various changes in areas such as relations with developers and computer makers, including licensing, marketing and even design. Because the focus of these compliances is supporting non-Microsoft software, it is evident that Microsoft is negotiating with all parties in mind. This is a step toward a more unified IT sector and a step toward a stronger economy. So, why hold up this process any longer?

I urge your help stop any further actions against this agreement. It is clear that further litigation can only harm our economy at this point in time, so let us move forward. I thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Connie Melton

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